

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 are currently pending. Claims 6, 7 and 9 are withdrawn from consideration. The after final Amendment and Response filed on September 25, 2003 amending claims 1 and 16 has not been entered.

Further to entry of the above-noted Amendment and Response and consideration of arguments therein via RCE, claims 2-5 and 7-11 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 20-28 have been added by this amendment. No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1, 6 and 12-28 would be pending.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of this application.

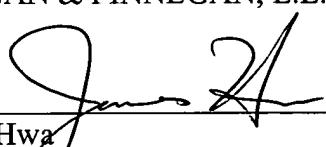
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4753. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4753. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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